

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman McGowan was not present. Councilman Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the September 5, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that she made an error in the minutes regarding the drug testing policy it should read that the matter was tabled for review by the City Attorney regarding the fees. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- ✓ After many months I have been notified that cleanup will begin this week on the Next Generation Tire site. IDEM has awarded the bid and removal of tires should begin as early as Thursday. I would like to thank those at the state level, especially Representative Cleo Duncan and Senator Bob Jackman who supported and assisted the effort.
- ✓ Sugar Hill street closing update – I contacted Mike Beard Jr., as requested by Council. He stated that he was presently completing plans to construct a garage on the area vacated by Council. He said that he had discussed the offer with his neighbor made by Connie Lindsay and that they were not interested in relinquishing their property. I have notified Mrs. Lindsay of my conversation with Mr. Beard. Byrne said he didn't know why Council would even want to get involved when there is another option to look at. Council was not receptive to the matter of eminent domain.
- ✓ I will be attending the annual IACT conference Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. I have been invited to sit on a panel with Ice Miller at one of the instructional sessions to discuss alternative energy, specifically bio-fuels.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FEES CHARGED BY APC \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the increase in fees charged by the APC. Bridges asked for comment from the public. There

were none. Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the amendment to the floodplain ordinance. Bridges asked for comment from the public. There were none. Byrne made a motion to close the public hearing. Pavey seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Copley reported that she received approval from the DLGF for the additional appropriations.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT \* \* \***

Pavey reported that the final concert will be September 30.

Sheehan said he attended the Irish Fest in Indianapolis over the weekend and heard several comments on Rushville's amphitheater and the hospitality that was received from Rushville.

#### **ECDC REPORT \* \* \***

Greg Griffin reported the following to Council:

- ✓ That Rushville is a finalist as a tier 1 supplier.
- ✓ A brochure has been mailed out to Honda suppliers.
- ✓ The public comment period is still open regarding the ethanol plant. When the comment period is over construction can begin.
- ✓ Sent a proposal to INDOT regarding the 4 lane highway for State Road 3.
- ✓ Received approval from the State for the Micro Enterprise Grant.
- ✓ There will be a strategic planning retreat on Friday.
- ✓ Received 102 inquiries so far for the year 2006
- ✓ Will be going to Japan October 14-21.

#### **DRUG TESTING POLICY \* \* \***

Bridges asked Council their opinion as to putting in the \$500.00 amount on the drug testing or leave it as it is. Council agreed to leave it out.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Fudge handed out a monthly report. He also handed out a copy of an article about Rushville in *Public Safety Health and Wellness*. He gave Council a copy of a thank you letter from Greensburg Police Department for use of the K-9.

**Animal** – Hill gave Council a copy of the monthly report.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Adopt 2007 Budget** – Council agreed to make the following changes to the 2007 budget from what was originally submitted:

1. 3% pay increase for full time employees instead of 5%
2. Delete levy employee line item Park & Rec
3. Delete line item to replace trucks Park & Rec
4. GIS increase from \$5000.00 to \$12,800.00 Board of Works
5. Add line item to Bd Wks for Matching Funds \$58,000.00
6. Add line item to Bd Wks for Wage Study \$20,000.00
7. Animal Shelter reduce Add on to Bldg from \$15,000.00 to \$5,000.00
8. MVH reduce replace 2 trucks from \$55,000.00 to \$38,000.00

Pavey made a motion to approve the 2007 budget with the above changes. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Salary Ordinance 2006-17** – Byrne made a motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2006-17 on third and final reading. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Annexation Claims** – Pavey made a motion to approve the annexation claims and change order #5 B as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2006-24 Pearl Street Description** – Pavey made a motion to approve the amendment to the Pearl Street description. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Fiber Update** – Pavey said there was a meeting and appointed officers. RFP's were approved and are due by the 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Pavey made a motion to approve the fee agreement on the fiber between the City and County. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**GIS Presentation** – Rex Jones from WTH gave a presentation on GIS. He offered the program for \$30,000.00; \$18,000.00 would be paid by the City and \$12,000.00 to be paid by the Utilities. The annual maintenance would be \$5,000.00 per year, with \$3,000.00 to be paid by the City and \$2,000.00 to be paid by the Utilities.

**Approval of APC Fees** – Byrne made a motion to approve the increase of the fees charged by the APC. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Amendment to Floodplain Ordinance** – Byrne made a motion to approve the amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Increment Financing Replacement Levy** – Byrne made a motion to rescind the TIR. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2006-23 Edit Tax Interlocal Agreement** – Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-23. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER